



RUGSELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

together with the report

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR 1967

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the
Annual Report on the health of the people of the District, and upon the
work of the Health Department for the year 1967.

The estimated mid year population for the District was 16,850, an increase of 350 over the previous year. Live births totalled 495, and deaths were 127, so the natural increase was 368. It is apparent that the Registrar General considers that there was no "overspill" of families from other areas into Rugeley in 1967, or that any such overspill was counterbalanced by families moving out of the district.

The 495 births produced an actual live birth rate of 29.4 (National rate 17.2)

This is a record high rate, even for Rugeley, and it occurs in a period when the National birth rate is declining.

Even when adjusted by the comparability factor - a device intended to compensate for the age structure of the population, the comparative figure (not an actual figure) is 26.86, which is still 50% above the National average.

The still birth rate (12.12) is below the National figure (14.8) and below the Rugeley figure for last year (13.04).

Ten years ago (1957) this figure (at 34.96) was more than double the present rate which is very good indeed, and reflects credit on the maternity services.

The infant mortality rate, at 20.02 was marginally above the National average of 18.3 per thousand live births.

The causes were mostly prematurity (3) and respiratory disease (5). There was one death from congenital heart disease, and one from oesophageal atresia

There were no maternal deaths for the 12th year in succession. The low maternal mortality rates now being obtained are not so much the result of heroic measures at the time birth, as of anticipation of trouble in the ante natal period, and the making of satisfactory arrangements to obviate the development of critical situations at the time of labour and delivery.

There were 127 deaths in the District, giving
an actual death rate of 7.5, which is much the same as last year.
The age and sex constitution of a population has significant bearing on
the death rate and for comparative purposes Rugeley's favourable position
in these respects is "corrected" by a factor of 1.56.
When this is done a comparative rate (not actual) of 11.7 is obtained to
be set against the National rate of 11.2.

The causes of death follow the usual pattern - Cardiovascular disease, heart failure in its various forms including coronary thrombosis, and strokes, are by far the commonest causes of death, and since they occur predominantly in subjects of advanced age, the average age at death in this group was 71.

Deaths from cancer were a long way behind and accounted for 17.1% of deaths.

Bronchitis was recorded as the cause of death in 10% of cases. It is certainly a very common condition in older age groups and it is no surprise that those who escape from circulatory disease and cancer should eventually succumb to bronchitis and broncho-pneumonia.

There were 147 notifications of measles during the year. This disease of course spreads without let or hindrance under present circumstances. This unfettered incidence will however serve as a base line against which to measure the success of future measures.

Only two cases of whooping cough were notified during the year. This is a very small incidence, due no doubt to the widespread use of triple vaccine immunisation of infants.

There were no cases of diphtheria, and no cases of poliomyelitis.

There was one case of dysentery.

No new cases of tuberculosis arose within the urban district, but three new cases were transferred in from elsewhere.

One patient died (at age 65) three recovered and one was transferred out of the district.

At the end of the year the number on the register fell to 41. This number has been falling steadily notwithstanding that the population has been increasing.

Routine checks on water supplies and upon food stuffs were carried out throughout the year.

Laboratory reports on water were uniformly satisfactory, and those on foods showed only some minor deviations from required standards.

During the year the Council built no houses or bungalows. 335 houses and bungalows were erected privately.

It is a pleasure to be able to record once more my appreciation of the help and co-operation from colleagues on the staff, and to thank the members of the Committee for their interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient servant

R. WEBSTER.

Medical Officer of Health.



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Area of District	2,882 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population		16,500
Rateable Value	.. .. .	£586,291
Sum represented by a penny rate	.. .. .	£2,548
Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1967		5,558

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	241	232	473
Illegitimate	14	8	22
TOTAL	255	240	295

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	.. .. .	29.4
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate per cent of total live births		4.4

Area Comparability Factor:-

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is 0.90. This Factor x Crude Live Birth Rate gives a standard Birth Rate for the District of	26.86
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales	17.2

LIVE BIRTHS

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Legitimate	265	249	258	314	342	383	398	410	436	473
Illegitimate	4	10	7	13	6	26	14	12	18	22
Birth Rate per thousand estimated resident population.	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56	27.21	26.62	27.51	29.4

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	4	2	6

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births. .. 12.12

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births
(ENGLAND & WALES) 14.8

STILL BIRTHS

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Legitimate	7	8	5	7	9	9	5	6	6	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births	25.36	29.96	18.87	21.40	25.86	21.53	11.99	16.31	13.04	12.12

DEATHS

Nett deaths allocated to the District after allowing for inward and outward transfers :-

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
70	57	127

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 7.5

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is in this case 1.56. This factoryx Crude Death Rate gives a standard Death Rate of 11.7

Death Rate of ENGLAND & WALES 11.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Rate per 1000 live and
still Births

	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rugeley</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Maternal Causes (excluding abortion)	-	0.00	0.01
Others due to abortion	-	0.00	0.00
	—	—	—
	-	0.00	0.01
	—	—	—

INFANT MORTALITY

	<u>Actual Deaths</u>	<u>Rugeley Rate</u>	<u>England & Wales Rate</u>
<u>Deaths under one year of age:</u>			
All infants per 1,000 live births	10	20.20	18.3
Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate births.	9	19.03	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate births.	1	45.45	
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).	6	12.12.	12.5
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).	5	10.10	10.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births).	11	21.95	25.4

	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	3rd week	4th week	Total 1 - 4 weeks Neo-natal Mortality	4 weeks - 3 months	3 months - 6 months	6 months - 9 months	9 months - 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year of age.
Prematurity	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Acute Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Inguiral A tesia	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Respiratory Disease	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
TOTAL	5	1	-	-	6	-	2	1	1	10

The estimated population, birth rate, Infant Mortality Rate (I.M.R.) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R.) for the past ten years as follows :-

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Population	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850
Birth Rate	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56	27.21	26.62	27.51	29.40
I.M. Rate	40.09	23.17	27.13	27.52	25.97	21.76	21.11	30.80	28.63	20.20
M.M. Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate	9.48	8.77	7.74	8.69	13.69	8.03	7.00	9.08	7.75	7. 5

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

	Male	Female	Total	% of Total Deaths in 1967	% of Total Deaths in 1966
Heart Disease	25	19	44	34.64	25.78
Cancer	7	9	16	12.59	17.18
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	3	10	13	10.23	18.75
Bronchitis	11	2	13	10.23	7.81
Pneumonia	7	3	10	7.87	3.91

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1967

									Male	Female
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other..	..	..	..	..	...	..	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	3	3
11.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	2	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	2
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	10	10
18.	Coronary Disease, angina	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	8	8
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3
20.	Other heart diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	8	8
21.	Other circulatory diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
23.	Pnuemonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	3
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2	2
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	-
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	8	8
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	1
34.	All other accidents	2	-	-
35.	Suicide	1	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
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NATURAL INCREASE - EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Births	269	259	258	314	342	409	412	422	454	495
Deaths	111	104	94	113	131	115	106	144	128	127
Natural Increase	158	155	164	201	211	294	306	278	326	368
Estimated Pop.	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850

SECTION B

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Scarlet Fever	-	1	5	-	-	1	-
Measles	202	-	229	76	199	142	147
Whooping Cough	15	3	29	27	-	8	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Polio Encephalitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	34	17	3	1	5	1
Enteric Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	4	-	1	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE BY AGE GROUP

	Dysentery	Measles	Whooping Cough
Under 1 year	1	5	1
1 "	-	10	-
2 "	-	20	-
3 "	-	27	-
4 "	-	27	-
5 - 9 "	-	56	1
10 - 14 "	-	1	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-
25 & over	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
NEW CASES											
Pulmonary	5	6	6	-	-	5	2	5	2	6	3
Non-Pulmonary	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-
TOTAL	6	7	6	-	1	5	3	5	3	7	3

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER. The number of Tuberculosis cases on the Register on 31st December, 1967 was 43

	Pear-tree Ward	Hagley Ward	Ravenhill Ward	Brereton Ward	Wolseley Road Ward
Pulmonary	11	6	3	12	7
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	0	0	1
TOTAL	12	8	3	12	8

Additions to RegisterPULMONARY

No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers IN..	..	..	..	..	3
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL					<u>3</u>

Deletions from RegisterPULMONARY

No. Died ..	..	..	..	..	1
No. Recovered ..	..	..	..	..	3
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL					<u>5</u>

Additions to RegisterNON-PULMONARY

No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	0
No. Restored to Register..	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL					<u>0</u>

Deletions from Register

No. Died ..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Recovered ..	..	..	..	..	1
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL					<u>1</u>

CANCERS

There were 16 deaths from cancer, 6 less than in the previous year. The following table shows the trend over the last ten years.

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Deaths	13	16	17	26	10	13	15	26	22	16
Population	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850
Rate per 1,000 of the population	1.10	1.33	1.40	2.00	1.39	0.90	0.99	1.64	1.33	0.94

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my 37th Annual Report, dealing with the work carried out in my Department during 1967.

DRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Premises not within 100 feet of the sewer.

There is no sewer available in Wolseley Road (Part), Etching Hill (Part), and Slitting Mill, where the closet accommodation is as follows:-

HEDNESFORD ROAD

2 premises (Farms)

FORTESCUE LANE

1 premise with W.C. to Septic Tank.

WOLSELEY ROAD AREA

36 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

ETCHINGHILL AREA

158 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
2 premises with privy middens.

SLITTING MILL AREA

13 premises to a private sewage disposal installation.
33 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
18 premises with pail closets.

SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

WOLSELEY ROAD

8 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks have been connected to the Council's Sewer

SWIMMING BATHS

The Council have two paddling pools. A swimming bath has been constructed at one of the schools and swimming baths are in the course of construction at two other schools.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) DRY HOUSE REFUSE - The whole of the refuse of the district is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, normally once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the Tip.

(b) CONTENTS OF PAIL CLOSETS, CESSPOOLS ETC - This is conveyed from the premises in a cesspool emptier. The pail closets are emptied once every week. Cesspools were emptied 200 times by the Council's workmen during the year.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 & 1957
UNFIT HOUSES

UNFIT HOUSES REPRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

The following 27 separate dwellings were represented to the Council during the year as being in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation :-

1	Crossley Stone	Closing Order
2	Crossley Stone	" "
3	Crossley Stone	" "
4	Crossley Stone	" "
5	Crossley Stone	" "
6	Crossley Stone	" "
7	Crossley Stone	" "
8	Crossley Stone	" "
9	Crossley Stone	" "
10	Crossley Stone	" "
11	Crossley Stone	" "
12	Crossley Stone	" " (Deferred)
25	Elmore Lane	Demolition Order
27	Elmore Lane	" "
29	Elmore Lane	" "
31	Elmore Lane	" "
33	Elmore Lane	" "
35	Elmore Lane	" "
37	Elmore Lane	" "
39	Elmore Lane	" "
41	Elmore Lane	" "
	Threadgold, Love Lane	" "
	Whittaker, Love Lane	" "
16	Sheep Fair	" "
18	Sheep Fair	" "
38	Lichfield Street	Undertaking.
13	Crossley Stone	Closing Order

HOUSES DEMOLISHED DURING THE YEAR

The following 25 houses were demolished within the district during the year.

1	Armitage Lane
2	Armitage Lane
3	Armitage Lane
4	Armitage Lane
5	Armitage Lane
6	Armitage Lane
189	Main Road, Brereton
191	Main Road, Brereton
193	Main Road, Brereton
195	Main Road, Brereton
16	Sheep Fair
18	Sheep Fair
	Threadgold, Love Lane
	Whittaker, Love Lane
1	Selwyn Place, Horse Fair
2	Selwyn Place, Horse Fair
3	Selwyn Place, Horse Fair
4	Selwyn Place, Horse Fair
	Merrick, Coal Pit Lane
33	Lichfield Street
3	Western Springs Road
5	Western Springs Road
7	Western Springs Road
9	Western Springs Road
11	Western Springs Road

o In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Scheme the tenants of the following 7 houses were rehoused during the year :-

33 Lichfield Street
 16 Sheep Fair
 18 Sheep Fair
 3 Rose Cottages
 4 Rose Cottages
 Richards, Lichfield Street
 37 Elmore Lane

UNFIT HOUSES STILL IN OCCUPATION AT 31st DECEMBER, 1967

The following 20 houses (in respect of which the Council have put on Demolition Orders or Closing Orders, or accepted Undertakings not to relet) are still in occupation :-

2 Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961 Demolition Order.
 Threadgold, Love Lane, 22nd February, 1953, Undertaking.
 Scragg, Coalpit Lane, 18th April, 1962, Demolition Order.
 84 Queen Street, December, 1963, Clearance Order
 159 Main Road, Brereton, Schedule of Works Submitted.
 20A Albion Street, 1st June, 1966 Demolition Order
 24 " " " " " "
 26 " " " " " "
 1 Rose Cottages, Brereton, 24th August, 1966 Demolition Order
 2 " " " " " "
 27 Station Road, 8th November, 1966 Closing Order
 2 Crossley Stone, 4th May, 1967, Demolition Order
 6 " " " " " "
 7 " " " " " "
 8 " " " " " "
 25 Elmore Lane, 3rd May, 1967, Demolition Order
 27 " " " " " "
 29 " " " " " "
 31 " " " " " "
 33 " " " " " "
 35 " " " " " "
 39 " " " " " "

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1967

The following 36 houses are not occupied for human habitation but are subject to Clearance Orders, Demolition Orders, or Undertakings not to relet :-

38 Lichfield Street Undertaking
 9 Market Square, 18th April, 1956, Closing Order
 11 " " 21st November, 1956 Closing Order
 Bostock, Glovers Hill, 21st December, 1960 Closing Order
 Smith " " " " " "
 3 Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961 Demolition Order
 Molineux' House, Glovers Hill, 22nd November, 1955, Undertaking
 28 Market Street, Owner undertook to submit improvement scheme
 30 " " " " " "
 22 Albion Street, 1st June, 1966 Demolition Order
 30 " " " " " "
 32 " " " " " "
 26 King Street, December, 1963 Clearance Order
 28 " " " " " "
 86 Queen Street, " " " "
 88 " " " " " "
 90 " " " " " "
 92 " " " " " "
 96 " " " " " "
 98 " " " " " "
 100 " " " " " "

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1967 (CONTD.)

1	Crossley Stone, 4th May, 1967.	Demolition Order
3	" " " " " "	" "
4	" " " " " "	" "
5	" " " " " "	" "
9	" " " " " "	" "
10	" " " " " "	" "
11	" " " " " "	" "
13	" " " " " "	" "
37	Elmore Lane, 3rd May, 1967.	" "
41	" " " " " "	" "
3	Rose Cottages, Brereton, 24th August, 1966.	Demolition Order
4	" " " " " "	" "
	Lower Birches Farm House, 3rd April, 1954.	Undertaking
42	Horse Fair.	Undertaking
10	Forge Road.	Closing Order.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

Discretionary Grants.

No applications for discretionary grants were received during the year.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Standard Grants.

Twenty three applications were completed during the year. The grants paid totalled £3,314.3.5 for the completed work and the cost of the work involved was £7,262.14.10.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

During 1967 advances for house purchase was made in 92 cases.

Number of STATUTORY NOTICES complied with: 92 as follows:-

HOUSING ACT, 1957

Section 85.	Overcrowding	1
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PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 & 1961

Section 17.	Blocked drains	2
Section 29.	Clearance of Sites	5
Section 39.	Defective or insufficient drainage	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Section 45.	Defective Closet Accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Section 75.	Provision of new dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Section 83.	Cleansing of premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Section 93.	Houses made fit or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	70
Section 93.	Offensive accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Animals causing nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Section 93.	Noise from motor cycles	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Section 93.	Noise from dogs	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Smoke nuisance	1

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Section 7.	Insufficient sanitary conveniences	3
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Number of INTIMATORY or VERBAL NOTICES complied with: 514 as follows:

Food Hygiene Regulations	2
Dwelling houses made fit or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	239
Obstructed drains cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Drains amended in construction	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Water closet basin renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Water closet cisterns repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Dustbins provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110
Animals improperly kept	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cesspools repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Burst water piping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
Offensive accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dirty houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Caravans causing nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Smoke nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BY-LAWS OR REGULATIONS

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There are no underground sleeping places in the district. There are no By-Laws for: Houses-let-in-lodgings, tents, vans, sheds, etc., or Lodgings and accommodation for Hop pickers. There are By-Laws for dealing with offensive trades. There is one offensive trade in the district. There are By-Laws for the control of markets and also there are By-Laws in respect of the business of barbers and hairdressers.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Up to the 31st December, 1967 a total of 139 premises had been registered under the above Act. The premises comprised the following types:-

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>No. persons employed</u>	<u>No. of inspections during the year</u>
Offices	37	176	37
Retail Shops	83	451	83
Wholesale Shops and warehouses.	3	9	3
Catering Establishments	15	77	15
Fuel Storage Depots	1	5	1
TOTALS	139	718	139

NOTIFICATIONS OF ACCIDENTS

No accidents were reported during the year.

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND AND REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

Cleanliness	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Temperature	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ventilation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Lighting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Sanitary conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Washing facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Supply of Drinking Water	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Clothing Accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sitting facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Seating (Sedentary workers)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Eating facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Floors, passages, stairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Exposed machinery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Prohibition of heavy work	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
First Aid	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the district which are controllable by the Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises where filling materials are used in the manufacturing of bedding, toys, upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND NOTICES

Number of visits during the year, either in connection with Infectious Disease, or in course of investigating complaints, or in carrying out surveys amount to 2,953.

RODENT CONTROL

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year under my supervision.

During the year the part time Rodent Operative was on duty 506 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Of this 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours were spent on treating the Council's property such as sewage works, refuse tips etc., 325 hours were spent at private houses, canal bank, hedge rows etc., and the remaining 115 hours were spent on either rechargeable work at business premises, or the general inspection of business premises.

SCHOOLS

In Rugeley Town and Brereton the sanitary conveniences are on the water carriage system. The Blitting Hill Schools have chemical closets and sink waste is drained to a cesspool. The water supply to all the schools is received from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Main.

HOUSING.

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES INSPECTION

- (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts 400
- Number of Inspections made for that purpose 400
- (2) Number of Houses inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 295
- Number of Inspections made for that purpose 295
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as being unfit for human habitation .. 27
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 352

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 239

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

HOUSES CLOSED OR DEMOLISHED

(a) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957.

- (1) Demolished as a result of Clearance Orders (Section 42) 0
- (2) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 17) 25
- (3) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 16 and still in force 0
- (4) Parts of buildings closed (Section 18) 0

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1949, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 3 0

(c) - Proceedings under Local Government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 10 and 11 0

(d) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957 closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 17 1

REPAIRS

(a) - Proceedings under Public Health Acts, houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(1)	By owners	..	..	..	..	..	..	70
(2)	By local authority in default	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957, houses made fit after service of formal notices.

(1)	By owners	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
(2)	By local authority in default	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

CARAVANS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There is a caravan site for 12 caravans and four individual caravans licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance has resulted from these caravans during the year. The names of those holding licences and the site of each caravan are as follows:-

Mr. A. Venables, 19 Sheep Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. R. Gater, Love Lane, Rugeley (12 caravans).
Mrs. E. Preston, 70 Peakes Road, Etching Hill, Rugeley.
Messrs. Judkin and Jones, Market Street, Rugeley.
Mr. M.J. Clay, Slitting Mill, Rugeley.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

Wet Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Combines Fruit, Vegetable and Wet Fish Shops							..	..	4
Butchers Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Cafes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
General Shops for Sale of Sweets, Grocery, Fruit & Vegetables									23
Sweet Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Cake Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fruit and Vegetable Shops			..	..	..	..	..	..	5
School Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Public Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Chemists	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Works Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Private Clubs, etc.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11

2. PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 AND THE ICE CREAM REGULATIONS.

(a)	For the preparation or manufacture of cooked meats etc	14
(b)	For the manufacture of ice cream by hot mix	0
(c)	For the manufacture of ice cream by cold mix	0
(d)	For the sale and storage of ice cream only. Such ice cream being purchased from the leading manufacturers	53

3. METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

- (a) Meat. Unfit meat is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960.
- (b) Other Foods. Tins pierced, jars etc., broken. Contents of same and other foods buried at refuse tip.

4. The following was found to be unfit for human consumption:

418 tins fruit, 217 tins tomatoes, 113 tins meat, 112 tins beans
87 tins peas, 45 tins fish, 43 tins soup, 20 tins milk, 16 tins
baby food, 14 tins rice pudding, 13 tins cocoa, 12 tins carrots,
11 tins ham, 11 tins custard powder, 6 tins sausages, 3 tins cream,
2 tins mincemeat, 1 tin vegetables, 1 tin syrup, 1 tin potatoes,
1 tin coffee, 4 jars beetroot, 3 jars jam, 1 jar marmalade, 17
jars pickles, 6 bottles ketchup, 30 packets biscuits, 27 packets
cereals, 44 jellies, 3 packets cheese, 46 lb bacon, 44lb. fish.

5. ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52

It will be seen that no ice cream is now manufactured in the district by either hot or cold mix.

6. FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955, AND FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

During the year legal proceedings were taken in the following cases:

<u>FOOD</u>	<u>FOREIGN BODY</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID BY MANUFACTURERS IN COSTS/FINES</u>
Bread	Pencil	Case dismissed on payment of £6.6.0 Costs.
Meat Pie	Mould	£5. fine. £6.6.0 costs.
Meat Pie	Mould	£5. fine. £6.6.0 costs.
Crisps	Hemp fibre	£20. fine £6.6.0 costs.
Bread	Bakery dirt	£5 fine. £6.6.0 costs.
Doughnut	Bakery dirt	£5. fine. £11.10.0 costs

MEAT INSPECTION

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	23	61	16	7	7	0
Number Inspected	23	61	16	7	7	0
<u>All Diseases ex- cept Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	6	43	1	5	5	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	10	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis	39.13	86.88	6.25	71.43	71.43	0
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0	3.27	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

The condemned figures are on the high side because N. Parker & Sons Slaughterhouse is a casualty station for the emergency slaughter of animals from the districts surrounding Rugeley. It is also used by the Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors for the slaughter of animals under the T.B. Order. The cattle and cows with Tuberculosis were all under the T.B. Order.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND KNACKER'S YARDS
Food and Drugs Act, 1955 Section 62

There is one slaughterhouse and one Knacker's yard licensed under the above Act within the district. They are as follows:-

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane	Owner - A. Parker & Sons Ltd.
Knacker's Yard, Leathermill Lane	Owner -- A. Parker & Sons Ltd.

SLAUGHTERMEN
Slaughter of Animals Acts 1933 & 1951.

Mr. E.E. Upton,	Wolseley Road, Rugeley
Mr. G. Parker	Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. P. Parker	Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. J.K. Rosser,	43 Springfield Avenue, Rugeley.
Mr. F. Southwell	4 Leathermill Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. K.A. Hollins	32, Ravenslea Road, Rugeley.

WATER SUPPLY

The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Water Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in quality and (b) in quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Water Works Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment (b) after treatment, and (c) from taps in our district.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbo-solvent action. There was no action in respect of any form of contamination during the year.

All the dwelling houses etc., in the district are supplied from the public mains, and the supply in each case is directly over the sink.

The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water Supply :-

ANALYST'S REPORT

pH Value	.. .. .	7.3
		Parts per million
Total solid matter dried at 212°F	.. .. .	365.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	.. .. .	Nil
Albuminiod	.. .. .	0.023
Nitric Nitrogen	.. .. .	5.2
Chlorine present as Chloride	.. .. .	40.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F	.. .. .	0.20
Appearance - Clear and Colourless		
Metallic contamination	.. .. .	None
Total Hardness	.. .. .	220 as Ca. CO ₃
Carbonate Hardness	.. .. .	139 as Ca. CO ₃

REMARKS: - This water is chemically of satisfactory quality, no abnormal taste was detected.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT :-

Probable number of coliform bacilli - Nil per 100 ml.
Probable number of bact. coli. (Type 1) - Nil per 100 ml.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 & 1936

Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929

Licences were granted subject to the licensees complying with the Council's regulations and the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations:-

The premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:-

Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair, Mr. A. Manton	500 gallons
Garage, Brereton Road, Messrs. J. Edwards & Son	..	9000 gallons	
Garage, Wolseley Road, Messrs. J.J. Pendlebury & Son	..	2000 gallons	
Garage, Anson Street, C.J. Sargeant	.. .. .	1000 gallons
Garage, Bees Lane, Messrs. J. Edwards, & Son	..	1300 gallons	
Garage, Market Street, Rugeley Motors	.. .. .	9000 gallons
Garage, Wolsley Road, Mr. S. Cubley	.. .. .	7500 gallons
Garage, Armitage Road, Lea Hall Garage	.. .. .	6000 gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane, Messrs. M.A. & C.J. Whieldon	..	1000 gallons	
Mr. A. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane	.. .. .	500 gallons
Thorn Automation, Ravenhill	.. .. .	500 gallons
Rugeley Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd.	.. .. .	750 gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	.. .. .	40 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Richardson Transport	.. .. .	9000 gallons
Petrol Service, Springfields Estate, Richardsons Transport	.. .. .	12000 gallons
Lea Hall Colliery	.. .. .	1000 gallons
Midway Service Station	.. .. .	9000 gallons
Imperial Garage, Armitage Road	.. .. .	12000 gallons
Pear Tree Garage, Hednesford Road	.. .. .	5000 gallons
J.R. Hindley & Son Ltd., Wharf Road	.. .. .	1000 gallons

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION .

The deposit and lead peroxide gauges were first put into operation in 1954. The following results were obtained :-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Solid Deposit</u> <u>Monthly Average</u> <u>Tons per sq. mile</u>	<u>Sulphur Dioxide</u> <u>Daily Average</u> <u>mg. of S.O.₂</u> <u>Collected by 100 sq. cm.</u>
1954	12.11	1.00
1955	9.63	1.01
1956	8.98	0.87
1957	7.73	0.77
1958	8.85	0.84
1959	7.56	0.91
1960	8.31	0.86
1961	10.28	0.77
1962	8.48	0.99
1963	9.58	0.85
1964	13.55	0.92
1965	14.09	0.61
1966	15.49	0.62
1967	9.95	0.57

FACTORY ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS For Purposes of Provision as to Health.

Premises (1)	Number of Inspections			
	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by the local authority	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	46	52	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' Premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	46	52	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prose- cutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Insp. (5)	
Want of cleanliness (s.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	3	3	-	3	-
(b) Unsuitable	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	3	-

3. OUTWORKERS - Nil.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
J.T.G.CRADDOCK,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

